GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3529
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2003
SETTLEMENT OF SRI LANKAN TAMIL FAMILIES AT KATCHAL
BISHNU PADA RAY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Shastri Srimao Bandaranayaka Pact of 1964 rehabilitated 48 Srilankan Tamil families at Katchal, a tribal area of Nicobar District during 1974 and 1976 and they were allotted with half an-acre land for the purpose of kitchen garden and given Daily Rated job in the Rubber Plantation there;

(b) whether the Tribal community of this area has been representing for shifting these Srilankan Tamil families to other non-tribal island;

(c) if so, whether the A&N Administration has taken any concrete step to shift these families to other non-tribal islands and the period by which the process is likely to be completed; and

(d) the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir, they have been representing to the A&N Administration.

(c) & (d): Andaman & Nicobar Administration has broadly decided to settle the 48 Sri Lankan repatriatefamilies in revenue area of south Andaman.